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SUBJECT: VIKTOR FAYRMARK

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1. TWO SEPARATE SOURCES HAVE RECENTLY TOLD US THAT THE INVESTIGATION PHASE OF THE FAYRMARK CASE IS LIKELY TO END WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH. FAYRMARK REPORTEDLY HAS SEEN NO ONE SINCE HIS ARREST; HE HAS NO CLOSE RELATIVES IN THE USSR AND DOES NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO RETAIN COUNSEL UNTIL AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE INVESTIGATION.
 2. OUR SOURCES SAID THAT THEY THOUGHT IT A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES WOULD BE UNABLE TO RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO CHARGE FAYRMARK WITH MORE THAN SIMPLE MANSLAUGHTER. THEY WOULD PROBABLY BRING AN ECONOMIC CHARGE SUCH AS ILLEGAL HARD CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS. HE COULD ALSO BE CHARGED WITH SPREADING ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA.
 3. OUR SOURCES FELT THAT SHOULD HE BE CHARGED WITH SUCH ADDITIONAL CRIMES, A PRESSURE CAMPAIGN WOULD PROBABLY BE ORGANIZED BY WESTERN JEWRY. SHOULD THE AUTHORITIES BE "SMART", HOWEVER, AND TRY HIM MERELY ON THE MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE, HE WOULD PROBABLY GET FOUR OR FIVE YEARS IN PRISON, AND WOULD NOT BE THE SUBJECT OF SUCH ATTENTION FROM THE WEST.
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